

PTA The Torrance Council Way

Mrs. Stephen Sampson

COUNCIL
Torrance Council PTA is looking forward to meeting over 200 new teachers coming to teach in the Torrance Unified School District for the first time this fall. A tea is being held in their honor at Bullock's Del Amo on Thursday, Sept. 5, at 3:30 p.m. All the principals, new teachers, Council officers, chairmen, and presidents of all local units are expected to attend. This will give the teachers an opportunity to become familiar with the many projects in which Torrance Council participates.

The Hospitality Department of the Council is in charge of the arrangements and will help serve the tea. Mrs. Andrew Foster, courtesy chairman, is responsible for the table decorations and name tags. Others on the committee are Mmes. Fred Wilkins, director of the department; Robert Gee, hospitality; Tom Pryor, co-hospitality; Robert Hagenbaugh, registrar; and G. E. Meseke, reservations.

Mrs. H. S. Rogers, Council president, will welcome the teachers to Torrance and give the greeting. Other guests include Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools, Dr. Louis Kaplan, Dr. Robert Morton, Dr. Posner, Fr. Frank Mattox, assistant superintendent, and Mrs. Margaret McLeod, 33rd District President of PTA.

A leadership conference for district presidents, vice presidents, directors, and first year presidents of PTA was held at Asilomar Conference grounds recently for the purpose of orientation for leaders. The main speaker was Dr. Milton Babitz, assistant director, office of compensatory education, of the State Department of Education.

The topic, "Learning to Listen," found an interested audience among whom were Mmes. Tony Patch, L. K. Bright, Elton Dunlap, Doyle Hoffman, Lennart Swenson, and S. O. Thorlaksson, Jr., state and district officers of

PTA. Mrs. Robley Berry, California State President of PTA, brought greetings and helped with the "Meet and Confer" groups. She also presided over the final general meeting. Attending from Torrance Council was Mrs. H. S. Rogers, local president.

SOUTH HIGH
South High PTA is busily engaged in setting up their new concession stand at South High School, under the direction of Mmes. Fred Field, second vice president and Fred A. Lincoln, ways and means chairman. The stand will be available for use by other groups.

Mrs. Roger Caukin, president, announces that proceeds from the sale of food at football games, constitutes the major portion of PTA funds along with their October bake sale. These funds will be used for equipment for the stand, benches for South High's grounds, milk and lunch fund, coin counters, student scholarships, art and music, and necessities for needy students.

The community is indebted to the Riviera Sportsmen Club, for donating a building the concession stand.

HALLDALE
Aug. 26 through Aug. 30 is the last week of Halldale Avenue School summer playground activities. Dick St. Laurent playground director, and his assistants, Carmen Skefich and Raul Garcia, and Halldale PTA have an evening culminating assembly planned for parents on Wednesday, Aug. 28, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The parents will be able to participate in a sports event if they desire. Following the games the children who have written, directed and produced a skit entitled "Halldale's Laugh-in" will be presented in the auditorium along with a talent show.

An exhibition of the track team, which are League Champions and Harbor District semi-finalists, will also be presented.



Polynesian Business Session

Combining business and pleasure, the Torrance Junior Woman's Club will hostess a Marina district business meeting here Monday evening with one of their own, Mrs. Michael Riley, district president, presiding. Business for the new year will be discussed and then a luau will be served. Ready for their hostess roles, but putting business first, are from left, Mmes. Lee Davis, chairman, with a clipboard; Leon Taylor, federation secretary, opening brief case; Michael Riley, district president, typing; and Douglas Hedde, club president, looking over account book.

(Press-Herald Photo)

Local Club To Hostess

Marina Council Meet

Invitations depicting sea life in Southern California have been sent to members of Marina District, Junior Woman's Clubs, for the August Council meeting and luau, to be held Monday evening at 7:30 p.m. at the Torrance YMCA, 2900 W. Sepulveda Blvd.

This event will be hostessed by the Torrance Junior Woman's Club. Official representatives for the Torrance Juniors will be Mmes. J. Douglas Hedde, president; Leon Taylor, first vice president and federation extension chairman; Leslie Steigh and Delbert Thomsen, Torrance Woman's Club coordinators for the Juniors.

Mrs. Michael Riley, president of the Marina District, California Federation of Women's Clubs, junior membership, and a member of the Torrance Club, will preside at the business meeting.

Eleven clubs of the district will be represented

Engagement Announced

April 4, 1969 has been set as their wedding day by Miss Eileen Waller of Torrance and Albert McCracken of Lawndale. The ceremony will take place at the South Bay Baptist Church.

Parents of the future bride are Mr. and Mrs. Noah B. Waller, 21605 Talisman Ave., Torrance.

Miss Waller was a member of the 1967 graduating class at West High school. She is employed as a bookkeeper with the Beneficial Finance Co.

Her fiance, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Roy McCracken, 4722 W. 166th St., Lawndale, was graduated from Lawndale High in 1966. Majoring in technical illustrations, he will be graduated from El Camino in February. He is also employed by a Lawndale furniture company.

Out-of-Town Guests Here For Wedding

Out-of-town guests here for the wedding of Miss Anne Bowen and John F. Cook, which took place Saturday at Nativity Catholic Church were the bridegroom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Foster Cook, Sidney, Neb.; Mr. and Mrs. James Cook, Denver Colo.; Keith Hruska, Omaha, Neb.; Mike Lux, Phoenix, Ariz.; Norrie Livoni, Mesa, Ariz.; George Nanier, San Francisco.

Others were Misses Marcia Mickelson, Klamath Falls, Ore.; Georgette Feutren, Hayward; Ellen O'Brien, Redwood City, Ann Gray, San Francisco; William A. Bokan, San Francisco; and Danny Bergstrom, Sausalito.

Courtesy Night Set By Bethel

Job's Daughters of Torrance Bethel No. 50 will stage its "Courtesy Night" on Sept. 3. On this evening the officers invite other Bethels to join them in putting on the meeting.

The other Bethels participating in the ritualistic ceremonies are Bethel 36, Gardena; Bethel 137, Lomita; Bethel 24, San Pedro; Bethel 245, Inglewood; Bethel 57, Wilmington; and Bethel 61, Redondo Beach.

Refreshments will be served after the meeting. Presiding officers will be Billie Ott, honored queen; Debbie Fox, senior princess; Brenda Watt, junior princess; Kathi Bennett, guide; Debbie Ellison, marshal.

Also, on Sunday Sept. 8, Torrance Bethel will hold its Junior Princess Project. This term the Junior Princess, Brenda Watt, has chosen to serve a breakfast, based on the theme "Spring in September".

From 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., the Bethel Daughters will be serving at the Torrance Masonic Temple. The menu will include pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon, orange juice, milk and coffee. Tickets are being sold by the Job's Daughters of Bethel 50 and will be available at the door.

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Bride-elect Honored At Shower

Miss Anne Bowen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bowen, who became the bride of John F. Cook of Sidney, Neb., in a wedding at Nativity Catholic Church yesterday, was complimented recently at a bridal shower given by Mrs. Richard Learman, 2054 Kathy Way, Torrance.

Attending were Mmes Clayton Bowen, Salvatore Felix, James Brown, Albert Thompson, and Misses Judy and Colleen O'Hara, Kathy Jessome, and Margaret Bowen, all of Torrance.

Others were Miss Helen Halloran, Palos Verdes; Mrs. Dean Nelson, Huntington Beach; Mmes Forrest Learman, Delbert Thomas and George Lamoureux, Harbor City; Mrs. John Haskell, Lomita; and Mrs. Hubert Mores, Gardena.

Unable to attend, but sending gifts, were Mrs. Myrtle Nelson and Miss Jill O'Hara.

Moose Unit Celebrates Birthdays

Members of Torrance Chapter 44, Women of the Moose, celebrated with their annual birthday party last Saturday evening at the Tea House in Torrance. The event is held each year to honor the birthdays of all Women of the Moose.

Mrs. Joe Marley, junior graduate regent and event chairman, reported that 26 chapter members enjoyed the Chinese dinner and the entertainment.

Women of the Moose officers present at the party were, Mmes Joe Marley, chairman; June Wilson, senior regent; J. Reinhardt, junior regent; Robert Brown, chaplain; B. E. Finke, recorder; and Stanley Hawthorne, treasurer.

Following the birthday party, the women joined their husbands at the Torrance Moose Lodge, 1744 West Carson St.

Coffee Break

By Adeline Daley

With box-office receipts for sporting events said to be down, I feel a little guilty reporting that attendance at some of the family picnics we've had this summer appear to be outdrawing both the A's and Giants at home.

I know one thing: we've done better with the concessions.

But if you think we had a big crowd, I've seen other family groups in which the kids had to take turns playing softball, playing three innings, like they do in the All-Star game. My suggestion to them is that they ought to lease the Astro dome.

We broke a seasonal record last Sunday when we picknicked with a family known collectively—and proudly—as the "Crowley Clan," even though many of them have different married names. Of course, I may have counted a few strange heads among us in totaling the attendance, but it probably equalled out—heard later that some of our kids as well stood in line for cold soft drinks at the wrong picnic.

Because of the size of our group (and I wish people would stop asking if we were the Loyal Order of the Moose on an annual outing), a family picnic becomes a scientific operation. First, there is the matter of getting a table—a race comparable to Scott's attempt to reach the South Pole first. For as early as we arrive, someone else is always there ahead of us.

You can also be sure of one other thing: Be it the village green or a million-acre recreational area, the parking lot will be located as far away from the picnic tables as humanly possible. Thus, it requires an African safari-type operation to bring in the food. We've used three people just to pack-in the potato salad, another porter for mustard, another for relish, plus everybody carrying plastic tablecloths tied to the top of their heads.

However, even though you have enough food to open a delicatessen, you can also be assured that one or two items will be forgotten: either a kid when you stopped for gas, or more important, a can opener. But you feel confident that someone else will bring one anyway, instead of stopping at a store and buying one for 19 cents. But everyone else will feel the same way.

If not tramping through dense thickets to reach picnic areas, we have also found ourselves going down almost 90-degree-angle cliffs to reach a beach, all the while toting an ice chest on our backs.

One thing, too, I've always noticed about picnics is that while all you do all day is eat, once home you can expect your kids to ask: When are we having dinner?

Preceptor Alpha Beta Opens New Year Today

Preceptor Alpha Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi will meet in the home of their president, Mrs. Andrew Foster, 16222 Daphne Avenue, Gardena, this afternoon, at 2 p.m. for a combined business and social meeting.

A "Beginning Day" program will be presented. The program will introduce the plans of the group for cultural, social and service activities for the coming year. All chapters of this international sorority will be observing this same procedure.

Following the business meeting, Mrs. Henry Lightenburger will present the first cultural program for the coming year, entitled "Christmas in August." Mrs. Lightenburger will have on

display "Holiday Decorations" which she has made and will teach the art of making them.

Husbands and escorts will join the group at 4:30 p.m. for the cocktail hour after which a potluck dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m.

Members attending will be Mmes. Andrew Foster, Eugene Olson and Mrs. Frances Collins, Gardena; Raymond Millhouse and Fran Nichols, Hawthorne; Lester Mayfield, Lawndale; Mrs. Blanche McCallum and Miss Martha Oehlerking, Torrance; Mmes. Louis Below, Inglewood; Louis Zelaney, Los Angeles; Dominick Nardelli and Jackie Pinkney, Palos Verdes Peninsula; Henry Lightenburger, El Segundo; Robert Nickelson, Palos Verdes Estates.

Youth Takes Priority In Junior Club Work

Torrance Junior Woman's Club is collecting clothing of all sizes for both boys and girls. These will go to their needy family with seven children and to foster children who are served by CATHY, Community Assistance to Homeless Youngsters. CATHY is one of the Junior Club's major philanthropies for the year 1968-69.

Anyone have children's clothing to donate may call Mrs. Bruce Wilkinson, youth chairman, and the clothing will be picked up by club members.

The Junior Club is also supporting a phase of the

Toadrunners Boys Club by collecting bicycle parts and delivering them to the boys, who reside in Normont Terrace, Harbor City. The boys use these parts to fix up bikes which are used by them for constructive leisure hour activities. Anyone with bicycle parts to donate may call Mrs. Bruce Wilkinson.

Mrs. Michael Wedemeyer, conservation chairman, and Mrs. Ray Jutkins, safety chairman, for Torrance Juniors have received word that Smokey the Bear will visit Torrance in late September. More details will be announced later.

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